

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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PRESERVING MEDICAL DATA

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**AMENDMENT** 

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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed November 19, 2002, the term for response to which is extended by one month by Petition filed concurrently herewith to expire on March 19, 2003.

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 11, without prejudice, and please substitute amended claim 15 and add new claims 19-32 as follows:

15. (Second Amended) A medical data preservation method according to Claim 10, wherein all of the medical image data stored in said storage device is backed up for each examination at a time in said image backup device.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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Dated: March 19, 2003

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